



Hillsboro Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes
Re-scheduled Regular Session

March 20, 2018 7:00 a.m.
Parks & Recreation Office

The Hillsboro Parks and Recreation Commission met in regular session. Present were Parks and Recreation Commissioners Gwynne Pitts, Ken Phelan, Lynn Scheller, Nickole Vargas, Jon-Michael Kowertz, and Eddie Bolaños; City staff Dave Miletich, Mary Loftin, Ryan Stee, Ken Pipher, Michele McCall Wallace, Valerie Otani, Cristina Caravaca, Robby Hammond, Sean Morgan and Karen Edwards

Commission Chair Pitts called the meeting to order.

Citizen Communication: None

Minutes:

Motion was made by Vargas and seconded by Scheller to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 27, 2018 as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

Reports/Presentations:

Crescent Park Greenway Concept Plan Update: Stee stated the final plan will be presented to the Executive Team soon, then will be brought to the Parks & Recreation Commission for consideration. The City Council will have final approval. This plan offers different opportunities to recreate and ways to think differently about trails. Stee explained the difference between a trail and a greenway. The greenway is divided into nine areas and each area is divided into segments. This aids staff in the design, permitting and planning stages.

Public Art Update and JUICE Award: Otani stated the largest art installment in 2017 was Stickworks in Orenco Woods Nature Park. This project involved volunteers and staff creating sculptures with the artist. The next project will be located at Rood Bridge Park in the meadow. There will be a “meet the artist” event and view the model for this project on July 15, 2018 at the park. The artist is Dann Nardi. The public art piece at the Public Works facility will be installed soon. The Rood Bridge Park Boat Launch project is in the design phase with the Grande Ronde Tribe. That project should be completed in 2019. Staff met with the Latino Resource Group to begin the design process for a replacement piece of art in Shute Park. The “Main Street in Downtown” painting by Young Hong Zhong, was selected as the Mayor’s gift piece.

McCall-Wallace informed the commissioners that Valerie Otani had been awarded the Regional Arts and Culture Council’s JUICE Award for using the power of space and place. She presented a video of the projects Valerie has created as an artist along with the public art project and information about Valerie’s personal life.

Community Center @ 53rd Update: Miletich stated staff will be interviewing the two finalists for the construction contract to build the center on April 9, 2018. The Project Managers are working on program confirmation with the architects, the final budget and the public art piece that will be included in the project. Commissioner Phelan suggested placing a future-home-of sign at the 53rd Avenue site.

Director/Manager Update: Miletich reported Cristina Caravaca resigned and has taken a position in Saanich, near Victoria, British Columbia. Her position will be posted soon. Caravaca thanked the commission for the support they gave her during the past eleven years.

The watercraft boat ramp at Rood Bridge Park will be installed and open to the public by early June.

K.L. Wombacher will attend the April 24 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting and give a Hops update.

Old Business: Consideration was given to approving the City-Wide Naming Policy Language. Pipher reminded the commissioners that this policy started as a department policy only but Michael Brown wanted it expanded to cover all City departments. The policy lists options and information for each department to consider. The Commissioners chose to vote at this meeting instead of waiting until the next commission meeting. Motion was made by Phelan and seconded by Scheller to approve the policy. The motion passed unanimously. Pipher stated in naming future Parks & Recreation locations staff will bring one or more suggestions to the Commission who will make the final choice. However, City Council has the authority to name any location, if they choose.

New Business: None

Miletich hopes to have one of the April meetings at Jackson Bottom Wetlands if the water recedes enough.

Commissioner Phelan inquired about the Masters House project. Miletich stated the project was on hold until a grant was secured or a non-profit group is willing to take over the house and site. No additional city funds have been budgeted for this project.

Commissioner Kowertz inquired about the Futsal Court at the Fairgrounds Sports Complex. Miletich reported Washington County did not approve the project. Parks & Recreation are working with the Portland Timbers to choose another park site in Hillsboro.

Information Items:

Farewell for Christina Caravaca on March 23, 2:30 – 4:30pm at the Cultural Arts Center.

There being no other business, Commission Chair Pitts adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST: _____
Recorder

Chair